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To: Honorable Ernest Martin  
Members of the Honolulu City Council

Fr: Nanci Kreidman, MA  
CEO

Aloha. Please accept this testimony in support of appropriations allocated to the Domestic Violence Action Center.

Domestic violence occurs in every City Council District. The funds to support staffing for the Helpline provides funding support to innovate our agency's response to inquiries, crisis calls and requests from all sectors as they encounter domestic violence. As we continue to enhance our agency's programs, specialized staff dedicated to the Helpline is a new way to do what we do best.

The challenges facing law enforcement and survivors can potentially be addressed through a new partnership with the Honolulu Police Department. Safe on Scene is a program model in place in other jurisdictions across the country.

Domestic violence is a problem that impacts us all. Funding support to provide programs is a responsibility of federal, state, city and private sector. That you for becoming a supporter of these new much needed programs.